

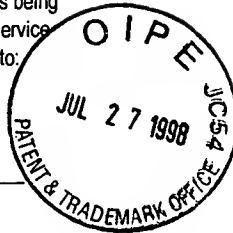
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PHILIP E. EGGERS et al.	)	Examiner: <i>unassigned</i>
Application No.: 09/098,205	)	Art Unit: <i>unassigned</i>
Filed: June 16, 1998	)	
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR	)	<b>RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF</b>
ELECTROSURGICAL TISSUE	)	<b>INCOMPLETE APPLICATION</b>
TREATMENT IN CONDUCTIVE	)	
FLUID (as amended)	)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Application mailed July 17, 1998, enclosed is the specification and drawings that were mistakenly omitted on June 16, 1998.

If you have any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 326-2400.

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### NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE APPLICATION

A filing date has NOT been assigned to the above identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items, unless otherwise indicated, must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53 (e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the items required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.1 7(i)). If the petition states that the application is complete, a request for refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

☒ 1. The specification (description and claims):

☒ a. is missing.

☐ b. does not include a written description of the invention.

☐ c. does not include at least one claim as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112.

*A complete specification (including at least one claim in a nonprovisional application) as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.*

☒ 2. The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented."

*Applicant should reconsider whether drawings are necessary under 35 U. S. C. 113 (first sentence).*

☐ 3. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional observations on the above-identified application papers:

☐ 1. Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of the specification are missing.

☐ 2. Figures \_\_\_\_\_ described in the specification are missing.

Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

Enclosed:

☐ "General Information Concerning Patents." See page \_\_\_\_\_

☐ "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application," Form PTO-1532.

☐ "Checklist for Patent Applications."

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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